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Subject: Sustainable Water Management in the Ipswich River

Dear Ms. Baskin,

April 5, 2012

Thank you for reading this e-mail and for your efforts on behalf of sustainable management of our Massachusetts rivers and streams. I hope you will be swamped (no pun intended) with excellent letters addressing this issue as the IWRA and others campaign for government action.

I would like to add a brief personal note to the many more educated comments you are sure to receive. As a resident of Hamilton, I know that my water supply depends on a healthy Ipswich River basin. This winter's lack of snowfall and this spring's especially warm and dry weather are reminders of the increasing fragility of our water sources. It appears that climate change and population growth are affecting our water sources even faster than anticipated. Please put into place the most effective and stringent policies possible to manage our waters sustainably.

As an individual citizen, I am trying to do what I can to conserve water. We manage our lawn entirely without watering. We take "navy" showers and other household measures to use water efficiently regarding laundry, cleaning, toilet flushing etc. I want my government to lead in this area and am prepared to follow.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of my appeal and your action in this matter.

Sincerely,

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